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ZECHARIAH 10:12—11:16

Shepherds punished. Staffs broken

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down,^a and the very scepter^b of Egypt will depart.^c **12** And I will make them superior in Jehovah,^d and in his name they will walk about,^e is the utterance of Jehovah.”

11 “Open up your doors, O Lebanon,^f that a fire may devour among your cedars.^g **2** Howl, O juniper tree, for the cedar has fallen; because the majestic ones themselves have been despoiled!^h Howl, you massive trees of Ba’shan, for the impenetrable* forest has come down!ⁱ **3** Listen! The howling of shepherds,^j for their majesty has been despoiled.^k Listen! The roaring of maned young lions, for the proud [thickets]* along the Jordan have been despoiled.^l

4 “This is what Jehovah my God* has said, ‘Shepherd the flock [meant] for the killing,^m **5** the buyers of which proceed to killⁿ [them] although they are not held guilty.^o And those who are selling^p them say: “May Jehovah be blessed, while I shall gain riches.”^q And their own shepherds do not show any compassion upon them.”^r

6 “For I shall show compassion no more upon the inhabitants of the land,^s is the utterance of Jehovah. ‘So here I am causing mankind* to find themselves, each one in the hand of his companion^t and in the hand of his king;^u and they will certainly crush to pieces the land, and I shall do no delivering out of their hand.’^v”

7 And I proceeded to shepherd the flock^w [meant] for the killing,^x in YOUR behalf, O afflicted ones of the flock.^y So I took for myself two staffs.^z The one I called Pleasantness,^a and the other I called Union,^b and I went shepherding the flock.^c **8** And I finally effaced

Zec 11:2* Or, “fortified; inaccessible.” M^{mar} ^{kin}, “interdicted.” **3*** “Proud [thickets].” Or, “high [trees].” Lit., “pride.” **4*** “Jehovah my God,” M(Heb., *Yehwah’ ’Elo-hai*)TSy-Vg; Gr., *Ky’rios pan-to-kra’tor*, “Jehovah Almighty.” **6*** Or, “earthling man.” Heb., *ha’adham’*. **7*** According to M; by a regrouping and a change in vowel pointing, “in behalf of the tradesmen of the flock.” **7*** Lit., “Binders.” Heb., *Chovelim*; that which results in a union of things.

CHAP. 10

- a Isa 14:25
- Mic 5:5
- b Isa 19:1
- c Eze 30:13
- d Isa 41:10
- Isa 45:24
- e Pr 18:10
- Mic 4:5

CHAP. 11

- f Jer 22:23
- g Jer 22:7
- h Isa 10:33
- Eze 31:3
- i Isa 2:13
- Isa 32:19
- j Eze 34:10
- Joe 1:13
- k Jer 2:30
- l Jer 49:19
- Jer 50:44
- m Eze 34:8
- n Jer 23:1
- Eze 22:25
- Eze 34:2
- Mic 3:2
- o Jer 2:3
- p 2Ki 4:1
- Ne 5:8
- q Ho 12:8
- r Eze 34:4
- s Eze 8:18
- t Eze 38:21
- Mic 7:2
- Hag 2:22
- Zec 11:9
- Zec 14:13
- u Mt 22:7
- v Ps 50:22
- Heb 10:27
- w Ps 23:1
- Ps 80:1
- Ps 95:7
- Isa 40:11
- x Zec 11:4
- Zec 13:8
- y Zep 3:12
- Zec 11:11
- z 1Sa 17:40
- Ps 23:4
- a Ps 133:1
- Zec 11:10
- b Eze 37:19
- Zec 11:14

Second Col.

- a Ho 5:7
- b De 32:19
- c Jer 23:33
- Zec 10:2
- d Jer 15:2
- e Jer 19:9
- Eze 5:10
- f Ps 90:17
- Zec 11:7
- g Mt 23:38
- h Jer 14:21
- Eze 16:5
- i Isa 14:22
- Zep 3:12
- j Isa 5:17
- Lu 2:25
- k 1Ti 21:2
- l Mt 26:15
- Mt 27:9
- m Mt 27:5
- n Ex 21:32
- Mr 14:11
- o Mt 27:6
- Ac 1:18
- p Zec 11:7
- q Isa 11:13
- Eze 37:16
- r 1Ki 12:20
- Isa 9:21
- s Eze 34:2
- Mt 15:14
- t 1Pe 5:3

three shepherds in one lunar month,^a as my soul gradually became impatient with them,^b and also their own soul felt a loathing toward me. **9** At length I said: “I shall not keep shepherding you.^c The one that is dying, let her die. And the one that is being effaced, let her be effaced.^d And as for the ones left remaining, let them devour, each one the flesh of her companion.”^e **10** So I took my staff Pleasantness^f and cut it to pieces,^g in order to break my covenant that I had concluded with all the peoples.^h **11** And it came to be broken in that day, and the afflicted ones of the flockⁱ who were watching^j me got to know in this way that it was the word of Jehovah.

12 Then I said to them: “If it is good in YOUR eyes,^k give [me] my wages; but if not, refrain.” And they proceeded to pay^l my wages, thirty pieces of silver.^l

13 At that, Jehovah said to me: “Throw it to the treasury^m—the majestic value with which I have been valued from their standpoint.ⁿ Accordingly I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it into the treasury at the house of Jehovah.^o”

14 Then I cut in pieces my second staff, the Union,^p in order to break the brotherhood^q between Judah and Israel.^r

15 And Jehovah went on to say to me: “Take yet for yourself the implements of a useless shepherd.^s **16** For here I am letting a shepherd rise up in the land.^t To the [sheep]* being effaced he will give no attention.^u The young one he will not seek, and the broken [sheep] he will not heal.^v The one stationing herself^w he will not supply [with food], and the flesh of the fat one he will eat,^w and the hoofs of the

u Jer 23:2; Eze 34:6; Mt 9:36; v Eze 34:21; w Ge 31:38; Eze 34:3.

Zec 11:9* “You,” masc. pl. **11*** “The afflicted ones of the flock,” M. See vs 7 ftn, “Flock.” **12*** “Them,” masc. **12*** Lit., “weigh out.” **13*** “Treasury,” by a correction; M, “founder,” or, “potter”; LXX, “smelting furnace”; Vg, “statuary.” **16*** Lit., “To the ones,” fem., referring to symbolic sheep. **16*** “The one made sick,” by a correction; with a different correction, “The hungry one.”

Verses 12 & 13 give the prophecy that Jehovah would be sold for thirty pieces of silver and sights Matt 27:5 as its fulfillment. So who is Jehovah?

True faith is taking Jehovah at His Word. This is the only way to everlasting life.

Who Is The Creator Of All Things?

Jehovah said that He created all things alone, by Himself without the help of anyone else. See for yourself from the New World Translation (NWT).

Isa 44:24 This is what Jehovah has said, your Repurchaser and the Former of you from the belly: **“I, Jehovah, am doing everything, stretching out the heavens by myself,** laying out the earth. Who was with me?

Job 9:8 [**Jehovah**] Stretching out the heavens **by himself** and treading upon the high waves of the sea,

Isa 45:18 For this is what **Jehovah** has said, the **Creator of the heavens,** He the [true] God, the **Former of the earth and the Maker of it,** He the One who firmly established it, who did not create it simply for nothing, who formed **it even to be inhabited: “I am Jehovah,** and there is no one else.

John 1:1-3 In [the] beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. 2 This one was in [the] beginning with God. 3 **All things came into existence through him,** and **apart from him not even one thing came into existence.**

John 1:10 He [Jesus] was in the world, and **the world came into existence through him,** but the world did not know him.

Acts 17:24 The **God** that **made the world and all the things in it,** being, as this One is, Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade temples.

Note: Any word with brackets in the NWT is not in the original Greek or inspired by God. Words in brackets were added by the Watchtower translators, so to be true to the inspired Word they can be left out.

Col 1:16 because by means of him all [~~other~~] things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All [~~other~~] things have been created through him and for him. 17 Also, he is before all [~~other~~] things and by means of him all [~~other~~] things were made to exist,

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A burdensome stone. Pierced One

ZECHARIAH 11:17—13:2

[sheep]* he will tear off.^a 17 Woe to my valueless shepherd,^b who is leaving the flock!^c A sword will be upon his arm and upon his right eye. His own arm will without fail dry up,^d and his own right eye will without fail grow dim.”

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A pronouncement: “The word of Jehovah concerning Israel,” is the utterance of Jehovah, the One who is stretching out [the] heavens^e and laying the foundation of [the] earth^f and forming the spirit^g of man* inside him. 2 “Here I am making Jerusalem^h a bowl [causing] reeling to all the peoples round about;ⁱ and also against Judah he will come to be in the siege, [even] against Jerusalem.^j 3 And it must occur in that day^k [that] I shall make Jerusalem a burdensome stone^l to all the peoples. All those lifting it will without fail get severe scratches for themselves; and against her all the nations of the earth will certainly be gathered.^m 4 In that day,ⁿ is the utterance of Jehovah, “I shall strike every horse^o with bewilderment and its rider with madness;^p and upon the house of Judah I shall open my eyes,^q and every horse of the peoples I shall strike with loss of sight. 5 And the sheiks^r of Judah will have to say in their heart, “The inhabitants of Jerusalem are a strength to me by Jehovah of armies their God.”^s 6 In that day I shall make the sheiks of Judah like a firepot among trees^t and like a fiery torch in a row of newly cut grain,^u and they must devour on the right [hand] and on the left all the peoples round about;^v and Jerusalem must yet be inhabited in her [own] place, in Jerusalem.^w

7 “And Jehovah will certainly save the tents of Judah first, to the end that the beauty of the house of David and the beauty of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not become too great over Judah. 8 In that day Jehovah will be a defense around the inhabitants of Jerusalem;^x and the one that is stumbling

Zec 11:16* Lit., “of them,” fem. 12:1* “The spirit of man.” Heb., *ru'ach-'a-dham'*. 5* “Their God.” Heb., *'Elo-heh-hem'*.

CHAP. 11

a Eze 34:10
b Jer 23:1
c Eze 13:2
Mt 23:13
d 1Ki 13:4
Eze 30:22

CHAP. 12

e Job 26:7
Ps 104:2
Isa 42:5
Isa 44:24
f Ps 102:25
Ps 136:6
Isa 45:18
Isa 48:13
g Job 34:14
Ps 146:4
Ec 12:7
Ac 17:25
h Heb 12:22
i Ps 75:8
Zec 14:13
j Zec 14:14
k Zep 3:19
l Da 2:34
Da 2:45
Mt 21:44
m Ps 2:2
Eze 38:9
Mic 4:11
Zec 14:2
Re 16:14
n Isa 24:21
o Pr 21:31
p De 28:28
Ps 76:6
q 1Ki 8:29
2Ch 7:15
Isa 37:17
r Zec 9:7
s Ps 46:1
Isa 41:10
Joe 3:16
Zec 12:8
t Isa 10:17
Ob 18
u Isa 41:15
Isa 62:1
v Mic 4:13
Zec 9:15
w Jer 31:38
Zec 2:4
Zec 12:10
x Jer 23:6
Joe 3:16
Zec 2:5
Zec 9:15

Second Col.

a Eze 34:24
b Ps 45:6
Isa 9:6
Ho 3:5
c Ex 14:19
Ez 23:20
d Isa 54:17
Hag 2:22
Re 16:14
e Isa 32:15
Isa 44:3
Joe 2:28
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f 2Ch 6:21
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Jer 31:9
g Joh 19:34
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Joh 20:27
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h Jer 6:26
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i 2Ki 23:29
2Ch 35:22
j Jer 3:21
Lu 23:48
k Mr 15:40
Lu 23:49

among them must become in that day like David,^a and the house of David like God,^b like Jehovah's angel before them.^c 9 And it must occur in that day [that] I shall seek to annihilate all the nations that are coming against Jerusalem.^d

10 “And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit* of favor^e and entreaties,^f and they will certainly look to ~~the One~~ ^{me} whom^g they pierced^h through, and they will certainly wail over Him as in the wailing over an only [son]; and there will be a bitter lamentation over him as when there is bitter lamentation over the firstborn [son].^h 11 In that day the wailing in Jerusalem will be great, like the wailing of Ha-dad-rim'mon in the valley plain of Me-gid'do.ⁱ 12 And the land* will certainly wail,^j each family by itself;^k the family of the house of David by itself, and their women by themselves;^k the family of the house of Nathan^l by itself, and their women by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Le'vi^m by itself, and their women by themselves; the family of the Shim'e-itesⁿ by itself, and their women by themselves; 14 all the families that are left remaining, each family by itself, and their women by themselves.^o

13 “In that day^p there will come to be a well^q opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin^r and for an abhorrent thing.^s

2 “And it must occur in that day,^t is the utterance of Jehovah of armies,

12Sa 5:14; Lu 3:31; m Ex 6:16; n Ex 6:17; 1Ki 1:8; 1Ch 23:10; o Mr 15:41; CHAP. 13 p Zec 12:3; q Ps 51:7; r Isa 1:6; Eze 36:25; Joh 1:29; Ac 2:38; Ac 2:41; s 2Ch 29:5; La 1:8; Eze 36:17; Eze 36:29.

Zec 12:8* Or, “godlike ones.” Heb., *ke'lo-him'*, pl.; LXX, “like God's house”; Lat., *qua'si De'i*. Compare Ps 8:5 ftn. 10* “Spirit of.” Heb., *ru'ach*; Gr., *pneu'ma*; Lat., *spiritum*. 10* “To the One whom.” Th and Joh 19:37; MVg, “to me whom.” 11* “Megiddo.” Heb., *Meghid-dohn'*; Lat., *Maged'don*. Compare Re/16:16 ftn, “Har-Magedon.” 12* Or, “the earth.” Heb., *ha-'a'rets*. 12* Lit., “families families apart.”

“me” meaning Jehovah in all ancient manuscripts

Zech 12:10 Jehovah is the one who will be pierced.

John 19:34-37 Jesus is the one who was pierced.

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c 2Co 7:1
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Mt 10:37
e Jer 2:26
Mic 3:7
f 2Ki 1:8
Mt 3:4
g Eze 34:23
Mic 5:4
Mt 26:55
Joh 10:11
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1 Isa 53:8
Da 9:26
Mr 14:27
Ac 3:18
Re 13:8
j Mt 26:31
Mr 14:50
Joh 16:32
k Isa 1:25
Mt 11:25
1Co 1:27
l Mt 13:41
Lu 12:46

Second Col.
a Joe 2:32
Mt 24:22
Ro 9:27
b Isa 43:2
c Ps 66:10
Isa 48:10
d Mal 3:2
e Isa 58:9
f Jer 30:22
Ro 9:25
g Ps 144:15
Re 21:7

CHAP. 14
h Isa 2:12
Joe 2:31
2Pe 3:10
i Joe 3:2
Re 16:14
j Lu 21:20
k De 28:30
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m Isa 65:8
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Mt 24:22
n Isa 65:18
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Ac 1:12
r Lu 19:29
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t Lu 21:21
u Am 1:1

will be left remaining in it.^a 9 And I shall certainly bring the third [part] through the fire;^b and I shall actually refine them as in the refining of silver,^c and examine them as in the examining of gold.^d It, for its part, will call upon my name, and I, for my part, will answer it.^e I will say, 'It is my people,'^f and it, in its turn, will say, 'Jehovah is my God.'^g"^h

14 "Look! There is a day coming, belonging to Jehovah,^h and the spoil of you* will certainly be apportioned out in the midst of you. 2 And I shall certainly gather all the nations against Jerusalem for the war;ⁱ and the city will actually be captured^j and the houses be pillaged, and the women themselves will be raped.^k And half of the city must go forth into the exile,^l but as for the remaining ones* of the people,^m they will not be cut off from the city.ⁿ

3 "And Jehovah will certainly go forth and war against those nations^o as in the day of his warring, in the day of fight.^p **4** And his feet will actually stand in that day upon the mountain of the olive trees,* which is in front of Jerusalem, on the east;^q and the mountain of the olive trees must be split at its middle,^r from the sunrising and to the west.^s There will be a very great valley; and half of the mountain will actually be moved to the north, and half of it to the south.^t **5** And you people will certainly flee to the valley of my mountains;^u because the valley of [the] mountains will reach all the way to Azel.* And you will have to flee, just as you fled because of the [earth]quake in the days of Uz-ziah the king of Judah.^v And Jehovah my God

Zec 14:1* "You," fem. sing., referring to the "city" in vs 2. 2* Or, "the remnant; the rest." 4* Or, "the Mount of Olives." 4* Lit., "the sea," that is, the Mediterranean Sea to the west. 4* Or, "Negeb." 5* A site near Jerusalem. There may be an echoing of the name Azel in that of the Wadi Yasul, which is an afflux to the Kidron Valley from the Mount of Olives.

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will certainly come, all the holy ones being with him.^{a,b}

6 "And it must occur in that day [that] there will prove to be no precious light^c—things will be congealed.^d 7 And it must become one day that is known as belonging to Jehovah.^e It will not be day, neither will it be night;^f and it must occur [that] at evening time it will become light.^g 8 And it must occur in that day [that] living waters^h will go forth from Jerusalem,ⁱ half of them to the eastern sea^j and half of them to the western sea.^k In summer and in winter^l it will occur.^l **9** And Jehovah must become king over all the earth.^m In that day Jehovah will prove to be one,ⁿ and his name one.^o Joh 19:19 Rev 19:16

10 "The whole land will be changed like the Ar'a-bah,^p from Ge'ba^q to Rim'mon^r to the south^s of Jerusalem; and she must rise and become inhabited in her place,^s from the Gate of Benjamin^t all the way to the place of the First Gate, all the way to the Corner Gate, and [from] the Tower of Ha-nan'el^u all the way to the press vats of the king. **11** And people will certainly inhabit her; and there will occur no more any banning [to destruction],^v and Jerusalem must be inhabited in security.^w

12 "And this is what will prove to be the scourge with which Jehovah will scourge all the peoples that will actually do military service against Jerusalem:^x There will be a rotting away of one's flesh, while one is standing upon one's feet;^y and one's very eyes will rot away in their sockets, and one's very tongue will rot away in one's mouth.

13 "And it must occur in that day [that] confusion from Jehovah will become widespread among them;^z and they will actually grab hold, each one of the hand of his companion, and his hand will actually come up against the hand

Zec 14:5* "Him," TLXXSyVg and many Heb. mss; M, "you." 8* Or, "former sea." 8* Or, "hinder sea," that is, to one's back when facing east. 8* Or, "autumn," that is, the beginning of winter. 9* Or, "the land." Heb., ha'a'rets. 10* Or, "desert plain." See De 1:1 ftn, "Plains." 10* "South." Heb., ne'ghev.

CHAP. 14
a Ps 96:13
Ps 98:9
b Jude 14
c De 33:2
Ps 149:9
Joe 3:11
e Isa 13:10
Am 5:18
d Ex 15:8
Job 38:22
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l Isa 49:10
m Ps 97:1
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- Zech 14:3-4 Jehovah's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. Zech 14:5b Jehovah will return with all His holy ones (Saints).
- Acts 1:11-12 Jesus' feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. Jude 14 & 1Thess 3:13 Jesus will return with all His Saints.
- Zech 14:9 Jehovah must become king over all the earth. John 19:19 & Rev 19:16 Jesus becomes King over all the earth.